(b) if so, the action Government plans to take to check the abuse of human rights of minor children and women; and

(c) whether any latest data has been prepared by Government on reported cases of child and women trafficking, and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH) : (a) The Trafficking in Persons Report, 2009 Department of State, USA states that India is a source, destination and transit country for men, women and children trafficked for the purposes of forced labour and commercial sexual exploitation.

(b) The Government is already taking a number of measures to combat trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation in the country. The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 supplemented by the Indian Penal Code prohibits trafficking in human beings. including children, for the purpose of prostitution and lays down severe penalties for trafficking. The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing "Ujjawala" scheme wherein fmancial assistance is provided for prevention of trafficking and for rescue, rehabilitation, and reintegration of victims of commercial sexual exploitation. Also, Swadhar Shelter Homes provide care and protection to women in difiicult circumstances including trafficked victims. In addition, the Ministry of Women and Child Development continuousiy conducts advocacy, awareness generation, and sensitization programmes for prevention of trafficking of women and children. The Ministry of Labour and Employment has also developed a Protocol on Prevention, Rescue, Repatriation and Rehabilitation of Trafficked Migrant and Child Labour.

(c) As per the information provided by National Crime Records Bureau, 3568 cases were registered under the ulmmoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956u; 109 under uBuying and Selling of Girls for Prostitutionu; and 253 under Procuration of Minor Girlsu, in 2007.

National Mission for Women

427. SHRI MAHENDER MOHAN:
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:
Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is going to launch the National Mission for Women, to combat social evils against women to be chaired by Prime Minister;

(b) if so, the details of the programme;

(c) whether this will include all the schemes launched for the empowerment of women in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of the schemes covered and mechanism to monitor their implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH) : (a) to (d) The Government is considering a proposal to set up a National Mission for Empowerment of Women.

The actual contours of the proposed National Mission for Empowerment of Women are being worked out and will be fmalized after inter ministerial consultations are complete.

Review of the programmes and policies

428. DR. (SHR1MATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA : Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has convened a meeting of Ministers in charge of women and child development of State Governments to review programmes and policies related with welfare and development of women and children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that most of the schemes have not been effectively implemented by the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH) : (a) and (b) A Conference of State Ministers/State Secretaries in charge of Women and Child Development was held on 28th October, 2009 at New Delhi. The agenda of the Conference included the newly launched Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) and the following proposed programmes: -

i) National Mission for Empowerment of Women

ii) Conditional Maternity Benefit Scheme

iii) Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Giris (SABLA)

(c) and (d) The implementation of the existing schemes and programmes of the Ministry of Women and Child Development are reviewed from time to time in consultation with State Governments and corrective measures are taken for their effective implementation.

Anganwadi Centres

429. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi Centers in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government is aware that the women Anganwadi worker who are taking care of children and pregnant women, are deprived of minimum prescribed wages; and;

(c) if so, by when Government is going to increase their wages and other benefits?